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Allocation of Coal to Gujarat
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

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(a) whether coal has been allocated to Gujarat from the South Eastern Coalfields Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken by the Government to allocate coal from the Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) to Gujarat:

(d) whether the Government is considering to allocate fuel subsidy to Gujarat to compensate additional financial implication on account of import of additional coal for power generation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW&RENEWABLE ENERGY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)to(c):Coal based units, including Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) situated in Gujarat are supplied coal from coalfields of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) located in the State of Chhattisgarh. Some coal is also supplied from the coalfields of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) located in the State of Maharashtra and from Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) located in the State of Orissa.

Coal despatches from SECL to TPPs of Gujarat had been 11.33, 14.28 & 9.70 Million Tonnes respectively during 2013-14, 2014-15 &current year (2015-16 up to December, 2015).

The decision on source of allocation of coal is taken on the basis of long-term availability of coal at the source, potential for incremental production, transport logistics etc. Accordingly, coal is sourced from various coal subsidiaries including WCL. Coal available at Western Coalfields Limited is already linked to various power stations and other industries, so much so that even the power stations of Maharashtra are being supplied about 40% of coal from the states of Odisha and Chattisgarh.

To undertake comprehensive rationalisation of sources of coal with a view to optimize transportation cost and materialization under given technical constraints, an Inter-Ministerial Task Force (IMTF) was constituted on 13.06.2014. The recommendations, inter-alia, include partial shifting of linkages of about 1.2 Million Tonnefrom SECL to WCL, leading to savings in transportation costs of about Rs. 100 Crore to Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Ltd (GSECL).

(d): No, Madam.

(e):Does not arise.
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